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"What gives a man a feeling of freedom . . . is the physical and moral space allowed him between himself and the outside world. The search for a zone of privacy, an individual sanctuary, is part of the search for happiness. And tolerance consists of recognizing each man's right to this margin, this girdle of individual difference."

RAMON FERNANDEZ, Spain, 1936; recalled in Défense de l'Homme, France, 1965

Letter From An American

who is also a citizen of the world . . .

Dear Friends:

This is written in answer to all the letters - written and unwritten - which you have burned to send after reading news of invasion and outrage in Vietnam, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, ordered by an arrogant handful of American officials, alone or in collusion with similar groups in control of other governments.

As an American (and at this point, a most unhappy one) I have received many such letters. Some of you have been too kind to send them, although I am sure in your mind you have written them - and why not? I have written many myself, as have most Americans of conscience. Some of you have actually sent your letters, with disillusion and bitterness written on every page. A subscriber in British Columbia (a part of Canada I especially like) collects every anti-American clipping he can find - on racial struggle, the Vietnam occupation, and other such current events - and sends them to me regularly by Air Mail. A gentleman in western Switzerland, a longtime worker for peace whose friendly letters I have prized, now writes: "It would be an act of conscience today to fight against what America represents in the world." A professor of law in a Japanese university sends carefully annotated accounts of "American acts of piracy" in Asia. And though it gives me considerable sorrow to receive these - knowing that much of it is true, and denoting as it does that in their eyes I too, being an American, am a part of such actions - I can hardly blame them for venting their sense of outrage on any United States citizen within reach!

But I do not think we shall build a new and better world by such thinking - by pinning the guilt of an arrogant few on whole nations, and loosing our hatred upon them. This is one of the ways a Hitler Germany rode into power in the '30s - when the decent citizens of other countries forgot their common humanity with Germans of conscience - gave no support or encouragement to the protests of decent men and women within Germany - lumped them with all

"Bully, Boys GET you by the Balls!!
Your mind and heart - Surrender's

other Germans, good or bad, and hated them all. Much of such thinking can be blamed on the ignorance we have of each other. Much is deliberately cultivated by those in power. How many Americans and British heard in 1933 of the mountain of disarmament petitions a million German pacifists signed and sent to the League of Nations? No; to us they were all Nazis, war-makers. And they thought the same of us. Shall the world once more return to such blind antagonisms?

We can if we wish repeat the same stupid patterns: waste time and emotion in hating each other as "nations;" accept the doctrine that "only power can stop power," and find ourselves before long embarked on another savage and futile war on other humans like ourselves, worse than any war has ever been . . . Or we can do something new in human history - put the blame where it really belongs: on a criminal few in power in many nations, who believe that government is based, not on decent humane principles, but on military and economic might; that great nations must not "lose face;" that small and helpless countries are the legitimate prey of powerful ones; and that nuclear war, as a final desperate expedient, might someday be justified. (Peace-loving Sweden is the latest country to consider a plan for such "defense.")

"Government of the people . . . by business for business"

How have such attitudes come to pass? The truth is, most of our national governments have wandered far from the ideals on which they were founded. Their actions and policies now represent not the views of their more responsible citizens but those of the greediest and most short-sighted. Do the responsible citizens of France wish the guilt and expense of an $11 billion atomic striking force? Of course not! - Do British citizens of honor welcome the sight of Polaris nuclear submarines, American- or British-made, at anchor in British harbors? The answer of course is No! - Do German citizens of integrity long for their own stock of atomic weapons? Their protests by hundreds of thousands prove they do not! - Do decent Canadians approve of the nuclear arms buildup now embarked on by the Pearson government? Again, the answer is a bitter No! - Are men and women of conscience in Russia and China happy over their countries' mounting atomic arsenal? I am sure, however threatened they may feel, its possession gives them no pride! - And the monstrous American stockpile of atomic weapons: every day sees new citizen protest of their horrors! . . How then can we call our governments today "representative" of the responsible thinking of their people - which is what the founders of all our governments meant by "representative" at the start?

Let us admit the fact: Most of us, in ambitious countries West or East, are living today under a kind of de facto occupation - where men of limited vision and supreme belief in their own infallibility have seized control of our national governments and are using every desperate means to keep themselves in power. When is a country in fact occupied? - When its government no longer expresses the will of its responsible citizens, nor functions to protect their health, welfare, or safety. When, in a system termed a democracy, its elected executives - its President, or its Prime Minister, and all but an honest handful of its Congress, Parliament, or Chamber of Deputies - no longer speak for the people who elected them, but carry out, willingly or reluctantly, the dictates of certain powerful interests in control. When ruinous taxes are extracted from the citizens to support police action at home and military adventures abroad, over which the people themselves (lacking responsible representation) have no control of any kind.

How can we claim in the United States today to live in a state of "freedom" when the President we elected pays no heed whatever to citizen wishes for peace, and sends our sons to make war on a helpless people; when our House of Representatives endorses, as it did the other day, a towering $45 billion military budget by an unopposed vote of 407 to 0; when powerful government bureaus like the Pentagon, the CIA, and the Atomic Energy Commission - all three a product of postwar fears and alien to our traditions - dispose as they please of our human and natural resources in the name of a mythical "national security?"

I cannot see how we can expect to achieve any shift of power back to the people while such a President remains in office or these three ambitious government bureaus remain in power. As long as they are there, our whole economy will be geared to war. Their enormous influence and purchasing power has changed and degraded America. Until they are challenged and removed from power - along with the vast propaganda systems that surround them - the American people will have no control of their government, and the world will have no peace.

But how is such an "occupation" to be ended? How, for instance, is JOHNSON - whom Stone's Weekly (June 7/65) calls "a man the whole world has begun to distrust" - to be removed from the Presidency? Under our Constitution, impeachment of the President can only be brought by Congress, the so-called "representatives of the people." Yet today (as the courageous supporters of an "Assembly of Unrepresented People" pointed out in Washington on August 9th - when 350 of them were arrested by Capitol police), a responsible and vocal segment of the American people are in effect without representation, as shown in almost daily victories in Congress for views pressed by large corporate interests rather than those of individual voters of conscience. It is only too obvious, alas, that the sole interest of many members of Congress today is in holding their jobs and supporting the political machines that keep them there. Who then is to act for the people in this crisis? With only a few ethical and outspoken members in their midst, there seems little use to look to Congress for impeachment action. Yet on August 3rd, Senator Wayne MORSE of Oregon, reporting on widespread citizen outrage against JOHNSON's Vietnam policy, told the U.S. Senate of "rising denunciation" of the Administration. "In my trip across the country last week," he said, "I have been asked by more people than I would have thought possible if there are not grounds for impeachment of the President, and how the process can be set in motion." (NYTimes, Aug. 4/65). Two weeks earlier, a NY Democratic Congressman, after admitting his mail was running over 100 to 1 against the President's Vietnam war policy, told a concerned group of voters from his district that he would have to do "what President Johnson wants" in Vietnam. This is what "representation of the people" has come to, in our Congress!

These brilliant examples of independent thought - hack politicians, many of them, who could hardly hold down in private employment a junior clerk's job - are about to vote themselves from the people's taxes another salary increase, this time to more than $33,000 a year. Allowing for a month's vacation each year (many take much more), this will give them around $150 per day of our hard-earned money. $150 a day - to vote away our lives and our freedom . . .

Such conditions are not unique to the United States. They can be found today in all too many countries. Why do the people - who in every case and country possess overwhelming power if they choose to use it - continue to allow such misgovernment? The answer is, the people have forgotten their power. . . It is not hard, but it is dangerous (as Hitler and Mussolini eventually found) to create a callous, unthinking public, by steady doses of propaganda and by allowing them no responsible part in the government. But one day this people without a voice will become a blind and brutal force, no longer subject to pity or to reason. A man cannot remain a man, if his natural powers to think and decide and act are taken away from him - if it is all done for him by somebody else. It has never worked in any age, and it will not work now; for the basic unit of any government is the citizen, and if the citizen is debased and impotent, the government is unstable and will fall.

The End Of An Era

It must be clear to any intelligent person that we can no longer hope to have any world at all unless all its citizens have a hand in its development. If the last 50 years of almost endless war has taught us anything, it should prove that the day of self-centered, competitive nations is over; that the world can no longer be changed piecemeal to suit the desires or convenience of any system. Just as we recognize today that epidemics of cholera, yellow fever, malaria and the like cannot be treated or contained within national boundaries - can only be conquered by worldwide planning and action - so must we also realize that the greatest disease of all, the disease of war, will only be ended when the senseless feuding of nations and ideologies is pushed aside, and every man and woman on earth is given a responsible, integral part in the world's development.

How is such fundamental change to be made? The United Nations has been given no power to achieve it. There is no more time to waste on leisurely sessions of armchair planners meeting in hotel ballrooms. This time the people themselves will have to get into the debate, wherever they live or work, and make up their minds what kind of a world they want, before it is too late. It will not be an easy task. It will be fought every inch of the way by established interests whose profits and power would suffer from such reform. National governments cannot be expected to help, for such a change would take away much of their sovereignty - including the power to wage wars, hot and cold, at the citizens' expense. Few institutions will welcome it, for it will upset tradition, privilege, and private fortunes.

Who then will lead the struggle for such a change? The dispossessed - those made desperate

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4/ by long humiliation and frustration of their hopes; whom small concessions, political sops, no longer satisfy; for they know that for them the future is a tunnel leading nowhere. Who are these dispossessed today? Anyone knows the answer. They are the colored, exploited peoples ** of the earth, and the youth of every nation - grown up into a callous, senseless, mechanistic, money-mad world they no longer can tolerate.

"They make a desert and call it peace . . ."

CALGACUS the Caledonian (c. 80 A.D.)
speaking of the Pax Romana: - TACITUS

So, to those of you who have written from other countries to protest American wrongs, I would reply: True enough, alas! And how are things in your country? Do the men in your government truly and openly speak for you? Do they protect in fact the health, welfare, and resources of the people; or is their zeal mainly devoted to carrying out the plans of a few, in a feverish race for military advantage? Which ranks highest in their scale of values: weapons, computers, or human beings?

It is time such a frank accounting is demanded by the citizens of every country, if we are ever to be free to work together for a peaceful and cooperative world order - instead of the cynical unworkable plans that are put on view each year at Geneva and other world conferences - plans which no longer convince even those who create them!

Let us therefore waste no time on fear or hatred of other peoples. Let us look across national boundaries which are no longer a protection or a reality, and see the citizens of other nations ** as they really are: involved in problems much the same as our own; subject to the tyranny of a few power-hungry men; victims of many of the same anxieties, the same injustices, the same misuse and waste of their natural resources, the same pollution of atmosphere, soil, and water-ways by man-made chemical and atomic wastes; lacking, as we do, actual representation in their governments; and subject, in varying degree, to the same absurd restrictions of speech, travel, association, belief; their jobs, their health, and their lives dependent on the irresponsible plans of those in power.

This is a time to reach hands of understanding across frontiers, not to flock like sheep in blind hatred of any people; a time to rescue that almost forgotten entity, the citizen of good will and independent mind, from the grave our society has dug for him, and to delight in every human effort to resist oppression and achieve justice anywhere in the world!

"The peoples of the world have in the past trusted to kings, nobles, and plutocrats, and each of them has failed. It is now for the people to trust themselves!"

Philip SNOWDEN, British M.P., in a speech just before World War I, exposing the profits of international arms cartels -

W i t h t h e S t u d e n t s . . .

"What kind of system is it that justifies the United States or any country seizing the destini of the Vietnamese people . . that disenfranchises people in the (U.S.) South, leaves millions upon millions . . throughout the (nation) impoverished and excluded from . . society, that creates faceless and terrible bureaucracies where . . people (must) spend their lives and do their work, that consistently puts material values before human values - and still persists in calling itself free . . ? We must name that system . . describe it, analyse it, understand it, and change it."

Paul POTTER, president of Students For a Democratic Society (1103 East 63rd St. Chicago 37, Ill.), at the Washington March against the Vietnam War, April 17/65

"Get this straight, sweetie: we're not going to fight your filthy fascist war. Go fight it yourself."

Univ. of IOWA student to State Dept. speaker defending U.S. action in Vietnam (as quoted in H.M. BASNER's column in the Ghanaian Times - Accra, Ghana, Africa

"Hey, hey, LBJ . . how many people did you kill today?"

College pickets' chant outside JOHNSON's hotel after his UN speech, San Francisc June 25/6

"In Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the damned of the earth are struggling for justice and salvation. Whatever they may call themselves - nationalists, communists, socialists, separatists, anarchists, tribalists - we recognize and honor them as patriots fighting for liberation. Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "It is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived." Our government has chosen, alone or in alliance with other Empires, to spill the blood of these young men and women, many of whom are students . . . We choose to call them brothers."

Masthead statement of the FREE STUDENT, a new and admirable paper published by young Americans of the May 2nd Movement (640 Broadway, Room 307, New York 3, NY)

ANYONE WHO WENT DOWN TO WASHINGTON to march with the students on April 17th . . who moved with that enormous shoulder-to-shoulder throng of 30,000 students and adults along the grassy Mall to the Capitol dome; who felt the surge of the crowd's anger over what was being done in their name in Vietnam; who stopped with them just short of the Capitol's locked doors, behind which (they did not know) waited companies of armed Capitol police . . . knows that a new and mighty wind is blowing across America, as it is across most of the countries of the world.

Dogmas and ideologies have little part in this movement. Its principal motivation is disgust with a world of manipulation and force, a rising sense of solidarity with all those who struggle throughout the world for the right to choose the way they want to live. Who could find a better or more satisfying cause to fight for?

"I must confess that my war experience has destroyed some of my youthful illusions (about) bravery or heroism in battle. . It will be easy to find a hundred men ready to storm a hostile battery (to) one with the moral courage to stand up alone against the world for his conception of truth, right and justice. . It may be a brave thing to confront one's enemies, (but) it is a far braver thing to confront even one's friend in the defense (of these principles). This . . is the moral heroism needed in a republic."

Carl SCHURZ, 1906, writing of the American Civil War in which he was a general

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR WATER ? . . .

An amazing proposal by New York City's Water Commissioner to tap the badly polluted Hudson River for drinking water for New Yorkers in the present water shortage, was sharply protested by the NYC "Commission To End Radiological Hazards," which points out that an important source of the Hudson's pollution (as in many other rivers & lakes)is the radioactive waste from atomic plants along its banks, which cannot be removed by any known physical or chemical means. The real reason for the growing water shortage thruout the world's industrial nations, says the Committee, is the contamination and waste of water resources by many large industries and power plants.

I was sure that the present drought in the northeastern U.S. would be used as an excuse to hasten the building of the nuclear power-and-desalinization plant which NY investment interests have long been pushing for Riverhead, Long Island. Sure enough, it has now b en announced; and another such plant (250 times as big) is now being urged for NY City - to cost $500 million and produce 250 million gallons of "desalted" water daily - less than half what one big plant, Westchester's "Indian Point" nuclear power plant, uses every day to cool its giant reactor. The absurdity of such an idea has apparently shocked no one - to build, at fantastic cost to an already financially strapped city, a vast new nuclear power plant, with all its potential hazards and poisonous wastes, to supply in turn the torrents of water squandered by private industry! Are our government officials out of their minds - or only supremely amenable to the powerful interests that reap the profits from such wasteful undertakings?

New York's Gov. ROCKEFELLER, who has just issued a flat statement that the smaller L.I. desalinization plant will be built (no prior citizen hearings?), has long been active in promoting nuclear development in N Y State, which now has its own state nuclear authority. Rockefeller interests are important in private nuclear industry. Two directors of Rockefeller companies - one, the president of Rockefeller Brothers, Inc., J. Richardson DILWORTH - sit on the board of a leading atomic enterprise, United Nuclear Corporation, involved in uranium mining & milling and nuclear fuel processing; and a company long associated with Rockefeller and Standard Oil exploration ventures here and abroad, W.R. Grace, owns a large share in Nuclear Fuel Services, which built the huge new atomic fuels processing plant at the State Nuclear Center 30 miles

south of Buffalo, in western Cattaraugus County. A Grace director also sits on the board of the Long Island Lighting Co. which is sponsoring the new Riverhead nuclear desalinization plant. (The plant will be built by American Machine & Foundry, co-organizer with Grace of the Nuclear Fuel Services company which built the Cattaraugus plant) A little mixed-up, yes? . . . Though "small" in scope (producing only a million gallons of converted water a day), the Riverhead plant is an important project, since it would be the first nuclear water-desalting plant in the world. Its backer, L.I.Lighting Co., is no simple rural outfit; It belongs to a powerful 7-member group of N Y State electric companies, ESADA (Empire State Atomic Development Assoc.), which maintains in cooperation with General Electric one of the nation's largest experimental plants at Vallecitos, Calif. near San Francisco, for large-scale nuclear plant development.

The financial background is as intricate as a Chinese puzzle. (See HALLAM Shutdown, bottom page 1.) Rockefeller interests are not the only ones involved in atomic industry. The big insurance companies are in it too; along with other top investment groups, like Kuhn-Loeb, Morgan, and Mellon; big banks like Chase Manhattan, Chemical, First National City of NY, and First Boston in the East, and Bank of America and others on the West Coast; and industrial giants with worldwide sales like DuPont, Anaconda, General Electric, Bell Telephone-Western Electric, Westinghouse, US Rubber and Firestone Rubber, Union Carbide, American Machine & Foundry, Bendix, Monsanto, Phillips Petroleum, North American Aviation (Atomics Intl.) - these and others have an active finger in the atomic pie. And the same is true of major interests in other industrial nations. For the profit lure of atomic investment, in spite of its operational risks, is very great - encouraged and subsidized as it is by every ambitious nuclear or would-be nuclear government. The stakes are high and dangerous. They are playing with such fire as has never been played with before . . . and humanity is the bystander and the victim.

So there is more than the drought behind the present "water shortage" now blazoned in the headlines. The same developing problem looms in every industrial country of the world, wherever the feverish race for profits in our power-consuming automated age is resulting in appalling waste of the world's most precious resource - water. New York citizens now being urged to "save water" by puny economies in baths, dish-washing, & gardening, would be amazed to know what vast quantities of water many large industries are sending down the drain. Compare the 65 gallons of water a day that the average NYC resident uses,with the AEC's figure of 300,000 gallons a minute (432 million gallons in a full day's run - 4/5 as much as all NYC's 8 million citizens use in a day) which one big plant, Con Ed's "Indian Point" atomic power plant in Westsheater, pours into the Hudson daily, contaminated by its giant reactor. . .

To build enormous new atomic power plants to convert salt water to "fresh" would surely be a cockeyed business - with the same plantscontaminating equally vast amounts of water in the process! For proof, check any month's report on Con-Ed's Indian Point plant by the N Y State Health Dept., which maintains 11 of its 26 water monitoring stations solely to watch conditions around this reactor, and reports in its monthly "Radioactivity Bulletin" that Beta activity (mainly due to long-lived Strontium 90) in Hudson River water at nearby Ossining and Peekskill is consistently many times higher, month after month, than at other NY State water stations.

Why then do so many countries of the world encourage the building of these hazardous and wasteful plants? Well, the answer is that every such plant creates, as a combustion byproduct, varying quantities of plutonium. And in case you have forgotten: a dependable supply of plutonium is very handy indeed for making nuclear bombs. (See WESTERN EUROPEAN REPORT on Page 8)

How Much Is Too Much ?

Last summer, when Strontium 90 fallout from nuclear bomb tests of preceding years was very high (as it still is: See NYTimes, Aug.7/65, "Radioactivity From Tests To Continue For Centuries"), the NYC Dept. of Air Pollution Control reported a puzzling increase of 87½ % for 1963 in "two highly dangerous gases" in N.Y. City air - carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide - for which, said the NYTimes story, "there was no available explanation," since sootfall had dropped 17½ % in the same year. Was it in fact such a mystery? Scientists have long believed that one reason air pollution has become such a problem and taken so tragic a toll in lung disease and cancer, is because the man-made radiation in the atmosphere, derived from past nuclear bomb tests and present "underground"tests and industrial atomic development, has created new and dangerous compounds from chemicals already present in the air we breathe. This is just as true in Los Angeles, Toronto, London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, and other cities of our atomic age as it is in New York. If, as one scientist, Dr. Merrill EISENBUD, has stated, certain grades

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Gross Beta Levels in Water (cont'd.)
(New York State Department of Health Radiation Surveillance Network)

Station	Date	Result pc/l	Remarks
Glenmont	12/14-12/18/64	6	Hudson River
	1/4/65-Date Collected	7	Hudson River
Haverstraw	11/9/64	2	Letchworth V. Reservoi
Highland Falls	12/15/64	5	Bog Meadow Brook
Lansing	12/11/64	2	Airport Well
	12/11/64	3	La Barr Well
	12/11/64	3	Bush Well
	12/11/64	1	Shively Well
Lansing & Dryden	12/11/64	1	Research Park Well
Ossining (Sing Sing)	11/6-11/12/64	83	Hudson River
	11/13-11/19/64	50	Hudson River
	11/20-11/24/64	57	Hudson River
	11/26-12/3/64	60	Hudson River
	12/4-12/10/64	74	Hudson River
	12/11-12/17/64	56	Hudson River
	12/18-12/23/64	57	Hudson River
Ossining	12/15/64	7	Indian Brook Reservoir
Oswego	12/8/64	7	Lake Ontario
	12/21/64	5	Lake Ontario
	1/4/65	5	Lake Ontario
Peekskill (Standard Brands)	11/6-11/12/64	48	Hudson River
	11/13-11/19/64	88	Hudson River
	11/20-11/25/64	45	Hudson River
	11/26-12/3/64	46	Hudson River
	12/11-12/17/64	30	Hudson River
	12/18-12/23/64	58	Hudson River
Peekskill	12/15/64	7	Camp Field WS
Ramapo (t) Hillburn (v)	11/9/64	2	Hillburn WS
Rome	12/8-12/21/64	6	Fish Creek
	12/22/64-1/4/65	6	Fish Creek
Schenectady	12/8-date collected	5	Mohawk River
	12/15-date collected	7	Mohawk River
	12/22-date collected	5	Mohawk River
	12/28-date collected	7	Mohawk River
Stony Point	11/9/64	3	Iona Island
Waterford	12/8-date collected	6	Hudson River
	12/21-date collected	3	Hudson River
	12/28-date collected	5	Hudson River
	1/4/65-date collected	6	Hudson River
Watetown	11/23-12/5/64	7	Black River
	12/7-12/12/64	7	Black River
Watervliet	12/7-12/21/64	5	French Mill Reservoir
	12/28-1/4/65	5	French Mill Reservoir
Yorktown	12/15/64	6	Croton Reservoir
	Average	18.1	

* (Reproduction of page in Feb.16/65 issue of New York State Health Dept. monthly "Radioactivity Bulletin," showing High Pollution of Hudson River water by Beta Activity (largely Strontium 90) at OSSINING and PEEKSKILL, adjacent to Consolidated Edison's 255-megawatt "Indian Point" nuclear power plant - as compared to figures at other N.Y.S. water monitoring stations listed in first column. In February 1964, the OSSINING station registered 109 pcl - picocuries per liter of water.)

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of fossil fuel burned today are also polluted by natural traces of radium, these too should be banned from use. To add new radioactivity to our already highly polluted atmosphere by building more nuclear plants, should be unthinkable. Instead of building new atomic plants, we should be closing down the ones we already have!

The current N.Y. City water crisis has produced some amazing claims from technicians in the city's employ. In a NYTimes story (July 21/65) on the current proposal to draw City drinking water from the upper Hudson, which discussed the river's pollution and its contributing sources - which include riverside atomic industries and the Indian Point nuclear plant near Peekskill - Dr. Rolf ELIASSEN, California sanitary engineer employed as a consultant by the NYC Water Supply Board, was quoted as saying: "Uranium and Plutonium are not dangerous of themselves, unless present in huge quantities."

Compare this with a statement in a 1964 speech at Hanford, Washington by Dr. Glenn T. SEABORG, Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission - who, as co-discoverer of plutonium in 1940, ranks as a world authority - that the "maximum permissible body burden" in the case of plutonium is "a particle the size of an ordinary speck of dust. . ."

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"If I were asked what man should preserve above all, I would not choose the monuments in the Nubian desert, the Parthenon, or the Sistine Chapel, but certain nucleic acids in our germinal cells that assure from age to age the propagation of our species. . Sooner or later humanity will develop a sense of biological responsibility to assure the integrity of this genetic material. . . In an atomic cataclysm, all life would not disappear from the earth, only its superior forms. After the disaster, life would take a new road under new conditions toward a new future. But the progress of millions of centuries would be lost."

French Biologist Maurice MAROIS, quoted in Le Danger Radiologique

A r o u n d t h e W o r l d . . .

** "I USED TO WONDER," writes Virginia COLTER in a poem Schizophrenia in the NY "National Guardian," "What the German people were thinking/ On that far-off day in April/ When Hitler bombed Guernica/ In neighboring Spain/ Explaining as he did so/ That he was saving the West/ From communism - " . . . Certainly, of all the divisive tools of modern politics, the doctrine of anti-communism has been the most damaging and absurd. It should be laughable, but it is really tragic in this day of "scientific enlightenment" to hear such blind antagonisms put forward, as grounds for enlistment, by almost every U.S. recruit for Vietnam service recently interviewed by a New York paper! (How many could even spell the word "communism" - let alone define it?) Yet many men and women of intelligence accept such prejudice as valid - even those old enough to remember its propaganda use in World War II. In a frankly outspoken article in the Cincinnati, Ohio Peacemaker, Ernest BROMLEY reports: "Preoccupation with anti-communism led a number of respected people, mostly pacifists, to attempt to disrupt (the April 17th) student march on Washington." . . Unfortunately, such attitudes are not confined to the United States: the only critical note I received after publishing in Window On the World a moving letter from a Russian mother at the time of the"U-2 episode" was a frantic Air Mail message, peppered with anti-communist epithets, from a British Labor M.P. - who had been the head of a well-known federation of European peace organizations . . .

** IMPORTANT ENERGY SOURCES of the world, points out Swiss engineer Dr. Ernst SCHÖNHOLZER, have been overlooked in the feverish race to develop atomic power, whose dangerous wastes are a growing threat to human health and survival. In a joint undertaking with Dr. Hans STAUBER, Swiss geologist and explorer, Dr. SCHÖNHOLZER has presented a plan for developing enormous quantities of hydroelectric power through the harnessing of the run-off from the vast continental glacier fields of Greenland - to be transmitted by undersea power lines to Europe and other continents.

** THE WISH TO TURN a large part of central Europe into a death trap," comments Carleton BEALS in his column in the Independent, by planting a system of nuclear mines on West Germany's eastern borders (as has been proposed by West German general Heinz TRETTNER of NATO - recently awarded a royal decoration by Queen ELIZABETH of England on her state visit to W. Germany), "Shows the brutality of many of the generals and national leaders . . called 'statesmen.'" And to indicate

8/ the outrage felt by many Germans at TRETTNER's proposal, he quotes from a letter from the Mayor of Holder, Fulda - Rudolf KEMPEL- to the Hessische Algemeine: "The last peasants' rebellion was centuries ago, but we are ready to take up the scythe and the axe against anyone who dares plant these horrible things in our soil." As a descendant of one who left 19th Century Germany after such a "peasants' rebellion," I can echo his horror. . . IN SPITE OF the campaign for peace waged by so many responsible Germans today, the armaments committee of the WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION, in a report issued in Paris May 28th, states that within 3 years West Germany's 7 nuclear reactors will be producing more than half a ton of plutonium every year - enough to make 100 atomic bombs a year - each 5 times Hiroshima's destructive power. . . While debates on "nuclear proliferation" continue at Geneva, other countries besides W. Germany are reaching the same capability. Of the mountain station at Pelindaba, where South Africa has invested more than $10 million on a nuclear center - with U.S. help under the "Atoms For Peace" program, and advisory scientists loaned from Oak Ridge (Both U.S. and Great Britain have been heavy buyers of South African uranium) - a South African scientist now states: "It is within the bounds of our resources to make an atomic bomb." . . . BY 1970, says the"NY World Telegram"(July 28/65), 3 big Canadian & American designed civilian atomic power plants in India will be producing enough plutonium to turn out an atomic bomb every week if they so decide. In the same country, "heavy water" (deuterium) purchased from a West German firm could supply material for hydrogen bombs. And young Indian scientists trained in France would contribute the technical know-how. . . All this should make some of our peace groups stop and think - the ones who feel the development of "peaceful" atomic power is none of their concern! The truth is, the hoped-for production of a steadily growing supply of bomb-grade plutonium as a by-product of civilian reactors rates high in military plans in every ambitious country, and is a main reason for government encouragement of their building. (Note JOHNSON's enthusiasm for every such nuclear project!)

** IN THE GHANAIAN TIMES, H.M. BASNER writes: "It is not the people of the United States who are bombing North Vietnam, supporting the military junta in the Dominican Republic and taking over the mineral wealth of the Congo, (but the imperialism) of an economic group who are as much the enemies of their own people . . as they are of the rest of mankind." And he points to the "formidable popular resistance" these forces are meeting with in the U.S. in "the emerging forces of national and social liberation (on) the campus of nearly every university and in many unexpected Trade Union quarters." For 22 million American Negroes, he claims, the military actions cited above are "not wars in which they want their country to win;" and he compares the situation to that in "South Africa, (where) any foreign team meeting a local side at football or cricket can depend on the cheers of all the non-white spectators. They passionately want the apartheid (Afrikaner) team to lose. If apartheid ever fights a war, these same spectators would do more than cheer the other side - they would risk their lives to see apartheid defeated."

** WORLD CITIZEN JEAN PIGNERO of France, a teacher and founder of"L'Association Contre le Danger Radiologique," who lives in a suburb of Paris (1 Grande rue, Crisenoy 77 Guignes, France), has announced his candidacy for president of the republic in approaching elections, to represent a new party "Les Jeunes Aux Pouvoirs" (Put Youth In Government!) to oppose the war-makers and conformists of reaction and established interests. . . Which reminds me of an eloquent sign carried by "Women Strike For Peace" marchers in a June 23rd protest at the White House against the Vietnam War: "The old men play the game of war, the young men die . . " I wish M. PIGNERO good luck in his brave campaign: May the young men and women of France flock to his banner!

The Unreal World Of The Frightened

"We must look forward to undersea dwellings, laboratories and military installations (where people would live and work for) the economic good and military defense . . "

Dr. James WAKELIN Jr., former Asst. Secretary of the Navy, advising on the new U.S. "Inner Space" Program

"The world is going to be dangerous and complicated for the rest of our natural lives and everybody's life now living."

Henry Cabot LODGE, recently returned to South Vietnam as U.S Ambassador

** THE OPENING OF THE FIRST summer session of the Free University of New York in a reconditioned loft at 20 East 14th Street, N.Y.C., just off Union Square on the upper edge of Greenwich Village, may turn out to be an important event in academic history. The kind of campus American youth has grown used to - of green lawns and bosky dells and English manor-house buildings, maintained and kept in line by an all-powerful trustee board of wealthy corporation men without imagination - has lost its appeal for many thinking young Americans. The new school, in place of fund-raising for more and more real estate, will focus on the stimulating of intellectual curiosity - which was what universities were meant for in the first place. Classes will mostly consist of group discussion. 28 courses in political, philosophical and cultural fields are being offered in the classrooms built in the loft's interior by 50 student and faculty volunteers. Most popular course to date is one on the American Radical Tradition (Do you hear that, Henry THOREAU?) under Prof. Staughton LYND of Yale, director of last summer's "Freedom Schools" in Mississippi and an organizer of the recent "Assembly of Unrepresented People" in Washington (where he was one of the first arrested). Tuition is $24 a course. Other areas are watching the project with interest, and similar "free schools" are planned in San Francisco and Florida. . . The new school's address intrigued me; because my first week in New York a long time ago, fresh from a small Indiana town, was spent in an old building just across the street, now torn down, at 21 East 14th. There had been famous people around (John SLOAN's old studio was down the block), and my host, who had talked the girl upstairs into loaning me sleeping-space, was a writer and Scotchman just back from a trip of exploration on the upper Amazon. But I remember wondering if every artist in New York lived over a Human Hair Factory, and if all the wooden stairways in town had a valley up the middle worn by a century of climbing feet? . . Good luck now to the Free University, and may its offspring be legion!

** THE KIND OF SOLIDARITY that is breaking social patterns wide open in the U.S. South was shown June 3rd in Sunflower County, Mississippi (See Anne BRADEN's series in the Guardian) when a bus-load of Negro farm workers brought from another town to replace Negro plantation workers protesting a 30 ¢ hourly wage, refused to take over their jobs and walked the 25 miles back to their homes, unpaid!

** WHEN JAMES P. WARBURG (60 East 42nd St.,Room 5011, New York 17,NY), in a "Call To Action" placed in the New York Times on June 11th, urged the setting up of public hearings on U.S. foreign policy as applied in S.E. Asia and the Caribbean, he brought back an American tradition of honorable memory. One of that rare handful of responsible citizens (Senators Wayne MORSE and John Sherman COOPER are two others) who, at considerable personal risk and with little thanks, continue to uphold a standard of public integrity while others talk of "face saving" and "party ties," Mr. WARBURG's call for a public review of ruinous American policy almost parallels that of another such man in our history - Carl SCHURZ, friend of LINCOLN,and one of America's great citizens. In 1896, in a similar time of crisis, SCHURZ helped organize a "National Conference On the Foreign Policy of the United States," held in the name of the "Anti-Imperialist League" which opposed annexation of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. . . "Who will trust us again," asked SCHURZ in the opening address of the Foreign Policy Conference at historic Cooper Union in New York, scene of LINCOLN's famous speech against slavery in 1860, "When we appear once more before mankind with fine words about our unselfish devotion to human freedom?" . . A few years later SCHURZ wrote: "There is a strong affinity between (our) treatment of Negroes (in the South) and (our) imperialist policy (abroad)." . . Now, once again, James WARBURG makes clear it is time for plain speech," time to ask "that Congress hold public hearings . . based upon the realization that this country is neither omniscient nor omnipotent, and that the road to peace can be found only through patient endeavor and not through the unilateral use of force. . ."

** NERVOUS INVESTIGATORS SENT OUT by a Selma,Alabama "insect exterminator" company to examine Negro homes," writes E.A.JOHNSON in a Monroe, N.Car. newsletter, "Seemed more interested in searching through closets for guns . . . DOUBLE DAMAGE: Senator Stephen YOUNG of Ohio reports a warning in a recent U.S. Civil Defense booklet, that citizens near an atomic explosion "would be seriously affected by the immediate radiation, in addition to being killed . . "

** TYPICAL OF THE KIND of "help" given President JOHNSON by those around him is this from pollster Oliver QUAYLE, whom "Life" in a recent issue calls JOHNSON's "personal pipeline to the public." Described by "Life" as reporting to the President after a sampling of 4 counties in Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, and New York that American opinion on the Vietnam war was "dangerously

close to the flash point." QUAYLE told him: "People are frustrated with that war and it sort of burns them up that we have to go on with it when we have all this military might!" (The intimation being - ?) . . A former Marine in World War II, QUAYLE was in charge of N Y City activities of United World Federalists under the presidency of Cord MEYER, who later moved to an important post at CIA headquarters in Washington.

** "THERE WERE 3 OF US, including my wife and the baby," writes Clarence SENIORS (509 Brown St., Monroe, No. Car.), whom I met as a student in Atlanta a few years ago, in a report "Jim Crow 1965" in the newsletter he edits, Do You Know? - describing their difficulty on a recent trip north in finding a night's lodging "at a modest-priced motel." A year ago, Mr. SENIORS points out, it was different: "Immediately after passage of the Civil Rights Bill we met no resistance in traveling, (but this time) things didn't work out as planned. . When we would drive up to a place where neon lights flashed, announcing 'Vacancies' - before we reached the office door, from out of nowhere 'No Vacancy' placards appeared. . (Or they would ask us) $28, $30 or as high as $40 for the night . . There we stood, a man, wife and baby refused accommodations . . for no other reason than we were black . . ." And he concludes: "The cry of many white Americans that some outside force seeks to destroy their country is quite a laugh - They are destroying it themselves with their selfishness and greed. ."

** "WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A WAR?" asks a new grassroots citizens' committee in California opposing the Vietnam conflict, CONCERNED CITIZENS (Box 191, Palo Alto, Calif.); and it lists as the dangerous elements: "An Unchecked President/ A Servile Press/ Military Recruits/ Arms Production/ Acquiescent Citizens." To this able analysis I would add one more (which is in fact implied in the first): A Congress which no longer speaks for the people. . Says the new group - which has already attracted the interest of 800 citizens of the Bay area: "We . . must not sanction this undeclared war by our silence . . "

** WHEN CORE EXECUTIVE James FARMER recently succeeded in persuading the national convention of that fine Civil Rights group to withdraw a resolution condemning U.S. action in Vietnam, as being outside organizational goals, I was reminded of a national world federalist convention in Des Moines in '51, when reactionary adults in control threw out the idealistic student federalist section - 15,000 strong - because the students called for discussion of civil rights and anticolonialism in their campus chapters! At that point American federalism lost touch with the times and ceased to be of importance . . Today the fate of Vietnam and Mississippi are inescapably joined: No nation can defy morality abroad and support it at home with any sincerity. Members of CORE have a choice of two decisions: to remove such narrow leadership from power, or to drive the idealists from the organization and fade, as other such groups have done, into an impotent nonentity.

** MRS. ALICE HERZ, 82, revered and loved Detroit pacifist and a wartime journalist and refugee from Nazi Germany, chose the sacrificial death of the Buddhists when she set herself aflame on a Detroit street corner in March, to protest the cruelty of the war in Vietnam. I was one of those especially shocked by her death, since she had been a subscriber to this newsletter for years, and I had enjoyed the stimulus of her warm and stirring letters. The news of her death has encircled the world and brought messages of sympathy and admiration from every continent to her daughter Helga HERZ, a Detroit librarian.

** HOW BIG AND BRAVE are the Washington military . . Their aim now is to recruit an army against the Vietcong rebels big enough to outnumber them 10 to 1 - "the ideal ratio for victory!" (CBS Radio, July 21/65) . . Dave MITCHELL, one of the founders of the Brooklyn "End-the-Draft Committee," is not joining the parade. Arrested June 1st for refusal to accept military service, MITCHELL believes that U.S. actions in Vietnam and the Caribbean are morally wrong, and has challenged the government on grounds of the Nuremberg Decisions that the individual is not legally bound to obey or assist in immoral acts of government. DAVE, 22, takes his stand on THOREAU's principle of individual responsibility, backed up by the United Nations Charter. A defense brief filed by his attorney Conrad LYNN states: "The government has no right to compel him to goosestep to U.S. crimes." In refusing military service, it holds he has been charged, not with a crime, "but rather with obstructing crimes." And the brief concludes, "The accuser (the U.S. Gov't) stands accused!" . . Send for a copy of the fine Defense Brief (Mitchell, 150 Crown St., Brooklyn 25, NY) and include a contribution for court expenses! (New Haven,Conn. hearing will be on Sept. 27th)

** WILL OUR ASTRONAUTS find the cause and cure of Leukemia on the MOON?" asks Dr. Tom BREWER (163 18th Ave., San Francisco 21,Calif.) after watching Gary LENO, aged 7, "a sweet and bright American boy, not a statistic" die on July 10th in Contra Costa County Hospital, after a 2-year fight with Leukemia. Young Dr. BREWER, who runs a children's clinic in a San Francisco slum area and publishes a newsletter "in defense of all children," adds: "Yes, we are loyal Americans . . loyal to the Bill of Rights . . and the American Revolution which once stirred the minds of men and women across the globe . . but NOT to Johnson and McNamara, who have made the American flag hated and despised . . "

Atomic News . . .

"Some 60 % of America's scientists - 280,000 of them - are working for the Federal government, either directly or under grants and contracts."

Dr. Milton EISENHOWER, President of Johns Hopkins University, May 4/64

** IF TODAY's CITIZEN IS TO SURVIVE the perils of this wacky age, he will have to learn to take care of himself; for governments, press, and organized science will do little to warn or protect him! . . When I read recently, in a chatty story on the Women's Page of a New York paper, of the arrival in city markets of "some of the freshest trout available" from an enterprising "rainbow trout ranch" on the Snake River in southwest Idaho, I had quite a start; for the place named as the trout's source lay in an area downstream from the nation's leading atomic test center: the Idaho Falls "National Reactor Testing Station," where river and ground-water contamination are rated so serious that government studies are underway. Fish and shell-fish are notably subject to such contamination, which is passed on to humans who consume the fish, with consequent health damage. In the rural section of Twin Falls County, where the trout were caught, a U.S. Vital Statistics report shows a Leukemia death rate nearly 4 times the national rate. . . SOON AFTER I saw the trout story, I read another on the delights of shad for summer eating, as caught in the Connecticut River near South Windsor, Conn. Since I am fond of shad (and shad roe) myself, it gives me considerable regret to point out that just upstream at Windsor on the same Connecticut River is Combustion Engineering's big nuclear fuels fabricating plant - a type of plant especially productive of radioactive wastes . . .

Why is there no market check on the increasing radioactive content of the foods we eat? The only country I know that has taken steps in that direction is Norway, which recently started testing fish caught in the North Sea for radioactivity, "because so much nuclear waste is being dumped there that regular tests are necessary." (Winnipeg, Canada Tribune, July 20/65). In New York a regular monthly State Health Dept. "Radioactivity Bulletin" is published regarding the amount of atomic pollution of milk, air & water (which often reaches alarming heights, though never reported in the press.) But no such state or city inspection is made on atomic contamination of foods - which, in view of the enormous amounts of food brought into New York markets from all over the country, seems a dangerous oversight in public health protection - typical of the general view that with the end of bomb testing, all danger of atomic contamination ended! Such views are of course completely contrary to fact, since the contamination from commercial atomic plants & testing centers not only still exists but has steadily increased.

Why have consumers made so little complaint in this area? Chiefly because they hear so little of the facts, and what they hear is so confusing. And no wonder, with federal radiation standards quietly moved ahead whenever radiation levels rise! In 1961, for example, the "critical level" for Strontium 90 in milk was set at 20 picocuries per liter, when decontamination was scheduled to begin. But in 1962 radiation started climbing fast, in 1963 went above 60 pcl. in places. Did decontamination begin? It did not. Strontium 90 "levels of concern" were simply raised to 200 pcl. (quite a difference from the 33 pcl. standard of the "International Commission of Radiation Protection!"). And the new "level of concern" for Beta activity (mostly from Strontium 90) in drinking water - which unfortunately cannot be decontaminated - was then raised to 100 pcl. That is why the consistently high levels found during the last 2 years in Hudson River water at Ossining and Peekskill near the Indian Point atomic plant - which have reached 60, 80, and sometimes over 100 pcl. - indicate real trouble. But the daily press says not a word on it!

** HOW DO GIANT ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, with all their hazards and scandalous waste of water resources,

achieve public acceptance in modern communities? . . Some months ago a letter was received here from a woman in upper N Y State - at Oswego, NY on the shores of Lake Ontario - asking advice on how to prevent the threatened installation of such an atomic plant, of 500-megawatt size (the hazardous Boiling Water type) at 9-Mile Point, a few miles east of her community. When I answered, I warned her that no polite lecture series by "eminent scientists" would do the job - that we had found in our experience with the now-abandoned "Ravenswood" reactor here in New York, that only a militant citizens' campaign could defeat such a government-and-business backed project. . The idea must have scared her, for we heard no more from her. But some weeks later I read that the "9-Mile Point" project had been passed and approved. In mid-May a correspondent in nearby Syracuse (home of the Niagara-Mohawk Power Company who will build the plant) sent me a clipping from the Syracuse "Herald-Journal" which supplied the answer: It told of a testimonial dinner at the Plaza Hotel in NY, where the "silver anvil" award of the Public Relations Society of America had been presented to Niagara-Mohawk's publicity chief for an outstanding job of public relations in his successful"program to achieve public acceptance of a nuclear power plant." . . Though "thoroughly aware of public fears and distrust of such installations, (he had) used all media in a program so effective," it stated, "That during public hearings conducted by the AEC, there were no objections raised by local citizens. . ."

How are such operations put through? A recent Senate investigation of public relations practices revealed that some large press services now have a somewhat "hush-hush" department which (for a price) runs paid public relations stories for business and political interests as regular press features, sold and circulated to papers around the country. Seasoned observers can usually spot such stories and even figure out the point of origin; but to the public, unaware of being brainwashed to order, the stories seem news; and few question the carefully tailored "facts" in them. Controversial projects are often eased into a community by this "softening up" process. . . It can hardly be accident that in the area around newly launched atomic projects - of which the citizens may justly entertain fears - a disarming series of articles on the "friendly atom" will blossom out in local papers, lauding the "safety" of nuclear engineering and all the magic "advantages"the new plant will bring, including added employment and business growth. Most of the stories will be gauged to the intelligence of a wide-eyed 13-year-old, since this has become the market ideal of modern business. Income and status of readers seem to have no bearing: It works just as well in a well-to-do, college-bred suburb as in a city slum area.

Almost as soon as the AEC approved the huge new nuclear plant at 9-Mile-Point, N.Y. for construction, such a series of stories was launched in the papers of nearby towns around Lake Ontario, even in adjoining Canada. A correspondent in Kingston, Ontario, 20 miles east on the lakeshore, has just sent me clippings of the series published in mid-July in a local paper - they really paint a rosy picture of atomic power! If you don't know any of the drawbacks and hazards, it sounds like a letter from Santa Claus. . (Listening, anybody? Your town may be next)

** NEW ATOMIC PLANTS PROPOSED: For Millstone Point on the Atlantic Coast at New London, Conn., where Polaris missile submarines are built, a 600-megawatt atomic power plant, to add to the growing group of such plants in Connecticut - and for Morris, Illinois, southwest of Chicago, a new 714 to 793-megawatt reactor, to be added to the present 208-megawatt "Dresden" built in 1959, making a grand total of around 1,000 electric megawatts: the nation's biggest. (Note: Leukemia and Birth Defects death rates are already high at both locations.) . . INCREASING LOCAL OPPOSITION has delayed acceptance of the elaborate nuclear complex proposed for Malibu Beach on the northern edge of Los Angeles: Further hearings are scheduled. . . PLANNED near Hartsville, N E South Carolina, a 650-megawatt power plant. . . AT LaGOONA BEACH, MICH. on Lake Erie, midway between Detroit and Toledo, Ohio, a new hearing on an AEC application to operate the Fermi Fast-breeder Reactor, after past testing, at 60.9 megawatts. The "Fermi" was long opposed by Detroit labor groups, who took the case as far as the U.S. Supreme Court in 1961, where two dissenting Justices, DOUGLAS and BLACK, called the Court's refusal to review the Fermi plant's construction permit: a "light-headed approach to the most awesome, the most deadly, the most dangerous process that man has ever conceived." - I wonder what the addition of the Fermi plant's wastes will mean to residents around Lake Erie, recently called a "ruined lake" on account of its high pollution? . . GOOD NEWS! - "Because of technical difficulties," the 75-megawatt, sodium graphite nuclear power plant at HALLAM in S E Nebraska, operated by a local utility & built in '62 at a cost of nearly $55 million to the AEC ($16 million for "research & development" and $33 million for reactor construction - to North Amer. Aviation's"Atomics Intl.", P. Kiewit, and Bechtel Corp., former CIA Director John McCONE's company - plus $5.7 million to be "repaid" to the utility for its cooperation) - has been shut down, the AEC contract terminated, and a changeover made to conventional fuel.

** CANADA'S URANIUM INDUSTRY is expecting a new boom era, with prospects of an important new customer, the French Government. This is a delayed chapter in an old transaction, news of which was squelched at the time as embarrassing to Canadian foreign relations. In an interview from Paris with Canada's Prime Minister PEARSON more than a year ago, veteran NYTimes correspondent Drew MIDDLETON reported that PEARSON was in Paris to discuss a large-scale purchase by France of Canadian uranium. The next day, PEARSON embarrassed MIDDLETON by disclaiming the statement. Now the contract is being openly pursued by Canada's Trade Minister Michael SHARPE, who has assured the House of Commons that the proposed sale of $700 million worth of uranium to France is "only for peaceful purposes." Since France's system of nuclear plants was frankly set up for development of its military nuclear "striking force," Mr. SHARPE's statement would seem strictly for the birds. . .

** I WONDER WHAT is the present status of the 8-country European Food Irradiation Project set up in mid-63 at the Seibersdorf nuclear research center 20 miles S E of Vienna, and scheduled for review at the end of 2 years ('65)? . . CANADIANS AND AMERICANS of conscience should protest their governments' plans, announced June 30, for a joint US-Canadian research program for irradiation of fresh-killed chicken to extend "shelf life." The ironic fact is that this process of "pasteurization" by radiation doses of a quarter of a million rads (called "harmless" by the AEC, although its long-term genetic effect on consumers and their offspring is obviously unknown) will only preserve the chickens for 10 days longer than usual. . So closely are cash profits for the packers figured, and so casually the hazards for consumers!

** WHILE 20 AMERICAN WRITERS AND ARTISTS, including 6 Pulitzer prize-winning poets, voiced approval of poet Robert LOWELL's rejection of an invitation to the White House Arts Festival because of US actions in Vietnam and the Caribbean, other art circles showed a different mood. Collector Joseph HIRSHHORN, who snatched a fortune from uranium speculation in Canada and whose multi-million dollar art collection is being promoted by President and Mrs. JOHNSON for purchase by the Smithsonian Institute, was a special honored guest at a White House luncheon, where purchase of the collection was discussed. By a curious coincidence the British government (which needs uranium too) has also offered to build a museum for the HIRSHHORN Collection. - No bids from France or West Germany?

** ONE OF THE MOST HOPEFUL SIGNS of our time - and there are actually many of them! - is the intelligent way some private citizens are speaking up these days - using careful figures and well-reasoned facts. The growing respect given the anti-fluoridation group, who oppose the forced addition of fluorides to drinking water, is an example of what such persistence can do. (Fluorides in the water, by the way, increase the toxic effect of atomic pollution). . . "EVEN A FEW DETERMINED PEOPLE can make their protests felt," believes Ron JORGENSEN (39 West 70th St., New York 23, NY) reporting the recent success of a citizen group he belongs to, which opposed an attempted Florida ban on "organic oranges"(fruit raised without the use of synthetic chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or coloring agents). The unorganized protests of this small and scattered group secured the lowering of the Florida ban. . . ROBERT GREGER (940 President St., Brooklyn 15, NY) has sent me an impressive and shocking report on a nuclear "static remover" brush for film (there is another for records) widely advertised in popular magazines and sold in photography stores, which is so hazardous it"cannot"be sold to, and should not be used by, persons under 18 years of age (but of course it is). Users are warned in the required leaflet enclosed in the package (which Mr. GREGER points out most people throw away and never read) not to toss the brush into the waste-basket when finished with it, but to wrap it up and return it to the maker - obviously to keep it out of casual hands. The fact that anyone accidentally touching a protected radioactive strip contained in the brush is advised to "wash hands thoroughly before eating or smoking" would indicate it emits the type of alpha rays which are especially dangerous when ingested. When one considers the youth (and reproductive age) of most photography & record fans who would use such a brush, the crime of marketing it becomes painfully clear.

** "THE PEOPLE LEAST DISTURBED by (the) readjustments of a great metropolis are the dead" was the grisly comment of a Yale Univ. City Planner, Prof. Arthur T. ROW, recommending evictions of the occupants of Brooklyn and Queens cemeteries to make room for more industry. As a further morbid note, Prof. ROW included in his plan for a ring of satellite cities around New York, to be connected by a web of highways, two major nuclear centers - the AEC's Brookhaven on Long Island, & Carbon Carbide's Sterling Forest across the Hudson in Orange County. These two would

certainly offer a charming and polluted environment for the 25,000 students of the university planned for each "satellite" town - admitting perhaps only little 2-headed space men?

** I REGRET THE LONG DELAY IN PUBLICATION of this issue, which has been held back by shocking events in recent months - events which demanded personal action that left no time for newsletter writing. The issue now appears in much expanded size. Unexpected demand from libraries, schools and individuals for copies of The Story Nobody Prints, last issue's report on health conditions around U.S. atomic plants, led to a second, revised printing of that report - which provided a chance to add some paragraphs of new data and to correct some of the usual errors that turn up in every such first draft. (The most embarrassing was a mistake in the direction of flow of Minnesota's Red River - made from a map that showed no elevations. It flows north.) If any of you would like copies of the corrected Second Printing, please let me know: Bound copies are available for 50 ¢.

Please note that after recent experience, the description "Bimonthly" has been retired from the Window's masthead. Subscriptions henceforth will cover 6 successive issues of no specified date. (If such an erratic schedule of publication bothers you, please let me know and I will gladly refund the balance of your subscription.) Publication will be keyed to significant news developments, or to special features of public interest, such as the recent report on health conditions around atomic plants.

Frankly, I am not much interested in dredging up, news or no news, a publication of plodding regularity. Real news developments seldom occur on that kind of regular schedule. They are born as most babies are: on a rainy midnight or in the harried midst of Christmas!

** IN THE LAST ISSUE I PROMISED to include a note this time on our recent change of name to the Fellowship of World Citizens as more befitting the friendly, informal structure of our organization. As organizations go, ours is an odd one. We have no desire to convert our members to any doctrine or system. Anyone anywhere is welcome to membership, with no restrictions whatever. We are completely independent and volunteer in structure. We do no fund-raising, collect no dues, hold no conferences, have no list of supporting sponsors and no paid officers or staff. Our goal is a simple one: to help create in these trying times better-informed, more responsible citizens of their community, country, and world. . . So we encourage our members not only to read and study and discuss, but to act: to take a creative part in local efforts to better conditions in their own communities, and to work for needed reforms in their nation and in the world, according to their own vision of its needs. The Fellowship takes no part in any Cold War feuds or antagonisms - for we feel that "brotherhood" has no meaning as a concept if it does not include all men and women everywhere.

If members wish to set up, on their own responsibility, World Citizen groups for discussion and action in their community, we are glad to have them do so. Since we are not a fund-raising organization, we can offer these groups no financial assistance; but we are always glad to help with advice or information when requested. As the Fellowship's secretary, I make occasional field trips to keep in touch with members on this continent; and I am always happy to hear about their achievements and to suggest unbiased reference sources to which the members themselves may go for research.

Enclosed is a Membership Blank which I shall be pleased to have you fill out and return, entitling you to a copy of our attractive new wallet-size World Citizen Credo. Write me for Enrollment Sheets if you wish to enroll others. Since our publication, Window On the World, which circulates in more than sixty countries, goes to both members and non-members, it does not report on organization affairs, but covers the crucial problems which today confront the thinking citizens of every country in the world. I hope that you too will decide to join our world-wide circle of fellowship!

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